

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, beginning with line 19 with the following:

The handle 20 encloses a power supply comprising plural (two are shown, there may be more or less) conventional AA replaceable or rechargeable batteries 22, conventionally enclosed and conventionally supported in handle 20. If the batteries 22 are replaceable then handle 20 may be openable in a conventional manner, e.g. by the end of the handle 20 furthest from the head part 40 ~~30~~ being removeable to facilitate replacement. Alternatively batteries 22 may be conventionally rechargeable.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, beginning with line 13 with the following:

Drive shaft 26 passes through the ~~first~~ second part 28 of shell 21 in a direction toward the brush head. Drive shaft 26 passes through a sleeve 213 which extends from gear system 25 and is rigidly connected to the wall of the second part 28 of the shell. This rigid connection may for example be by integral manufacture of the wall 21 and sleeve 213, or by means of a suitable bush bearing 214 rigidly mounted in an opening in wall 21. The part of drive shaft 26 outside of handle 20 is formed into stub axle 215.